

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I writing to you to let you know I strongly Oppose SB 16 and HB 5416. Both of these bills will further infringe on Connecticut Resident's Constitutional and Civil Rights.

For years we were told how Stop and Frisk in New York was racist and was used more against people of color then white people. The data seems to back that up. I can't believe that "Stop and Identify" is in this new bill. Stop and identify is basically stop and frisk light. I thought after 2020 we all agreed to make policing more fair and just. Stop and identify will we used to harass minorities and people who live in the inter-city more than people who live in the suburbs.

Where is the data that shows limiting gun sales to one gun every 30 days will reduce gun violence? Most shootings happen with one gun. If someone is planning an attack and feels they need 2 guns then, they can wait 31 days. If someone is deemed too dangerous to buy two guns at once, then they shouldn't own any guns. All gun laws like this one do is make it harder for law abiding citizen to buy firearms.

The data also doesn't support banning "CT Other Firearms". The vast majority of the time pistols are used in shootings and mass shootings. Knives, hammers and even feet and hands are used more often in homicides then rifles. So why don't we have a hammer and knife registry? What's the difference if someone own's a pistol caliber carbine or a semi auto hand gun? Nothing, they both fire the same bullet. They are both semi-automatic and will only fire one bullet every time you pull the trigger. Some people have disabilities and can't hold a gun properly. This is why some people use these types of guns. By banding "Other Firearms" you will be discriminating against people with disabilities or injuries. You will also turn law abiding citizens who purchased these guns legally to become felons.

The vast majority of people who commit major mass shooting have serious mental issues. We keep hearing about the how bad the mental health issues are in this country. The government hasn't done enough to address the problem. Why are these people even allowed out in society if they are so dangerous? As we learned for the parade massacre in WI a car can easily be used to kill people. But instead of trying to stop dangerous people you keep passing laws to further restrict my 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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